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# MY STORY

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE RESPECTED MUFTI ABDOOL KADER  
HOosen SAHEB حفظه الله (MAY ALLAHU TA'ALA PROTECT HIM)

From  
**HEIDELBERG**



TO  
**THE WORLD**



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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

اللهم صل على سيدنا محمد النبي الأمي وعلى اله وصحبه وبارك وسلم

ALLAHU TA'ALAA states in the Qur'an:

(Ch.15: Surah Hijr, Ayat 9)

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Undoubtedly, **WE** have revealed this Qur'an and **WE**, most surely, are its Guardian.

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
الْعُلَمَاءُ خُلَفَاءُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُوَرِّثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا دِرْهَمًا إِنَّمَا وَرَّثُوا الْعِلْمَ

Abu Darda رضي الله عنه reported:

The Messenger of Allah عليه الصلاة والسلام said: **The Scholars [Ulama-i-Haqq] are the heirs of the Prophets. Verily, the Prophets do not bequeath gold and silver coins, but indeed, they bequeath knowledge.**

Source: Musnad al-Bazzār 10/68: Grade: Sahih

Alhamdulillah, All Praise to ALLAHU TA'ALAA for preserving Revelation for us and appointing Ulama-i-Haqq to guide our understanding of Qur'an and Sunnah.

Every born or revert Muslim, who is inspired by such Ulama-i-Haqq, is indebted to them. However, due to an inability to recompense them adequately for their great favour, Muslims appeal to ALLAHU TA'ALAA to grant them everlasting reward.

A cursory study of the lives of our honourable Ulama-i-Haqq reveals common features, such as:

### 1. ALLAHU TA'ALAA's SPECIAL FAVOUR

ALLAHU TA'ALAA's perfect selection of parents, family, teachers, friends, environment, education, circumstances and opportunities all combine to produce individuals to serve HIS Deen. It would be impossible for anyone to achieve success without HIS special Mercy and Protection.

### 2. STRONG PARENTAL INFLUENCE

ALLAHU TA'ALAA will protect this Deen with whomsoever He wills. When ALLAHU TA'ALAA selects a person for this purpose, ALLAHU TA'ALAA inspires the important people in his life, such as parents, to facilitate the process. Mufti Saheb's parents were instrumental in

supporting this major undertaking by their determined son. ALLAHU TA'ALAA knows we can never repay our parents. Mufti Saheb acknowledges this with total humility and stresses that the Ummah should recite the du'a that ALLAHU TA'ALAA taught us. (Qur'an 17: 24)



### 3. EXEMPLARY AND PIOUS MENTORS

Every 'Aalim-i-Haqq has such teachers and mentors that link him to the chain of Deeni 'Ilm stretching back to Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. Their depth of knowledge, pious character and service to people continues to influence thousands of people today.

### 4. PERSONAL SACRIFICE

The willingness to sacrifice personal comforts and the security of home, family and country for the sake of Deen, is another outstanding characteristic of all Ulama-i-Haqq. They often forfeit the ease of a familiar environment for the challenges that come with acquiring and propagating Deeni 'Ilm.

### 5. DEDICATED SUPPORTERS

Family, teachers and a circle of concerned and dedicated friends and supporters all provide moral and material support to the Ulama voluntarily, being inspired by Deeni motives.

### 6. TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT

Undoubtedly, advancements in printing and broadcasting media have opened up new avenues for Deeni propagation and enabled the exponential rise of Da'wah internationally. Ulama-i-Haqq have harnessed these means to great effect.

We find all of these features present in this brief biography of our Honourable Mufti Abdool Kader Hoosen Saheb حفظه الله.

THE FOLLOWING ILLUSTRIOUS PERSONALITIES ARE MUFTI SAHEB'S SPIRITUAL MENTORS:

Hazrat Moulana Zubair Ali Ra - Leslie, South Africa

Hazrat Moulana Maseehullah Khan Saheb Ra - Jalalabad, India

Hazrat Haji Farouq Saheb Ra - Sukkar, Pakistan

Hazrat Moulana Qamruzzaman Saheb, Daamat barakatuhu - Ilahabad, India

Hazrat Mufti Ridha-ul-Haq Saheb, Daamat barakatuhu - Pakistan and South Africa

*Mufti Ridha-ul-Haq Saheb and Ml Qamruzzaman Saheb have given Mufti AK Hoosen Saheb, Ijazah (permission) and Khilafat, Alhamdulillah.*

We ask ALLAHU TA'ALAA to reward all Ulama-i-Haqq on our behalf in both worlds, Aameen.

FRIDAY 12 JUMAADUL ULA 1438 ~ 10 FEBRUARY 2017

REVISED AND UPDATED: MONDAY 5 JUMAADUL AKHIR 1440 ~ 11 FEBRUARY 2019

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UPDATED: WEDNESDAY 16 RAMADHAN 1445 ~ 27 MARCH 2024

## FOREWORD

*The following Foreword by Moulana Yunus Patel Saheb Rahimahullah prefaces Mufti Abdool Kader Hoosen's book: Du'a – The Weapon of a Believer (June 2010).*

*Moulana Yunus Patel passed away in the Haram of Makkah on Tuesday, 12 July 2011 ~ 11 Shabaan 1432, South African time (12 Shabaan, Makkah time). He was a great scholar of Tasawwuf and a pious servant of ALLAHU TA'ALAA.*

*He was buried in Mu'alla early the next morning (about 5am on 13 July), after Fajr. Janazah Salaah was performed in the Haram by Sheikh Shuraim and Moulana's final resting place is Block Number 44, Grave Number 66.*

**All Praise is due to Allah Ta'ala who blessed us with the priceless bounty of Imaan and the tremendous honour of being of the Ummah of His Most Beloved Messenger, Nabi Muhammad (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-Sallam). May peace and salutations continue to descend upon our beloved Nabi, Sayyedena Muhammad (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-Sallam) who guided us to the most perfect, complete and beautiful way of life.**

**Rasulullah (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-Sallam) had stated : "Dua is the essence of Ibaadah (Worship)". This is due to the fact that humility is engendered in the heart of the one who is asking of Allah Ta'ala. Dua is expressing one's dependency, need and helplessness before Allah Ta'ala. There is acknowledgement of our inability and there is recognition of Allah Ta'ala's complete ability and power.**

**Allah Ta'ala also guides us towards Dua in the ayat : "And your Lord says : "Call on Me, I will answer your (dua)..."**

**When a person supplicates before Allah Ta'ala with absolute conviction that Allah Ta'ala is the ONLY ONE that can do for him, and that nothing is difficult for Allah Ta'ala in fulfilling the requests and needs of every single creation – then together with meeting the conditions of dua – of sincerity, the correct effort, Halaal sustenance, obedience to Allah Ta'ala and so forth, then the manifestation of dua will be seen, sooner or later. Our downfall is our impatience when it comes to the dua being answered, and this impatience leads to doubts and sometimes even giving up the dua. This then becomes our loss, because there is a time and place for everything, if only we are patient.**

**Mufti Abdul Qader Hoosen Saheb (Daamat Barakaatuhum) is recognized internationally as a Scholar of Islam. His**

entire life has been dedicated to the services of Deen, having spent 20 years in Darul Uloom Newcastle, teaching various subjects, as well as issuing Fataawa. Mufti Saheb is now the in-house Mufti of Channel Islam International, benefiting thousands of Muslims throughout the world with his knowledge of Qur'aan, Sunnah and Fiqh, as well as benefiting thousands of pilgrims every year, during Haj and Umrah.

Insha-Allah, this compilation of duas by Mufti Abdul Qader Saheb is sure to be most beneficial, since the most effective and most accepted duas are the duas of the Qur'aan Sharief and Ahadith Sharief, and the duas of our pious predecessors. Nabi (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-Sallam) asked and begged of Allah Ta'ala, in such all encompassing duas, that we find that every need of ours has been included and none left out. Similarly, Nabi (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-Sallam) sought protection from every kind of harm, not leaving out anything - making manifest his great love, compassion, mercy and concern for the Ummah.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this noble compilation and make it a means of benefit for all, especially those performing Haj and Umrah, since Haj and Umrah revolve around Dua. May Allah Ta'ala grant Mufti Abdul Qader Hoosen Saheb long life, with aafiya, and grant success and acceptance to all his undertakings in serving Deen.

Was-Salaamu 'alaykum wa-Rahmatullah  
**Moulana Yunus Patel**  
**Imam - Musjid-e-Noor (Asherville, Durban)**  
**Asherville Durban**  
**1 Jumadal Aakhira 1431 - 16 May 2010**

## INTRODUCTION

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلوة والسلام على محمد وعلى آله وأصحابه أجمعين أما بعد  
مدونا مفتی عبدالقادر حسین صاحب مدت دراز سے فتویٰ دینے کا کام فرماتے ہیں  
دارالعلوم پینو کاسل میں بھی افتخار کا کام انجام دیتے رہے۔  
اس کے بعد جنرل اسد سے منسلک اور ریڈیو کے مقبول ترغیب دہانے والے بن گئے۔  
بعض فتاویٰ میں بنیہ فقہ کا نام مشورہ بھی فرماتے رہے  
اب بعض احباب ان کے نشریاتی فتاویٰ کو جمع کر کے شائع کر رہے ہیں  
وہ فتاویٰ سے دعا ہے کہ اس مجموعہ کو نافع اور مقبول بنائے۔  
اور مفتی صاحب اور جامع اور دیگر معاونین کیلئے ذخیرہ اخراج بن جائے۔

رضاء اللہ تعالیٰ

دارالعلوم زکریا لکھنؤ

جنوب مغرب

یکم صفر الاول ۱۴۲۹  
مرافق ۱۰ مارچ ۲۰۰۸ء

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS,  
THE MOST MERCIFUL

All Praise is due to Almighty Allah, the Sustainer of the universe. Peace & Blessings be upon Nabi Muhammad ( sallallahu alaihi wasallam ) and his family and all his companions.

Moulana, Mufti Abdul Kader Hoosen Saheb has been issuing Islamic verdicts for a long period of time. In Darul Uloom Newcastle issuing of these decrees was one of his portfolios. Subsequently, he joined Channel Islam International and has become an accomplished and prominent radio personality.

In certain fatawa, he regularly consulted this humble servant. It has now been suggested by some close associates that these fatawa broadcasted on air, be compiled and published.

I supplicate to Almighty Allah that He makes this publication beneficial and accepted. As for Mufti Saheb, the publishers and all those who assisted, May Almighty Allah make this presentation a treasure for them in the hereafter (Aameen).

**(Hazrat Mufti) Ridha-ul Haq Saheb**  
**Darul Uloom Zakariyya, Lenasia**  
**South Africa**  
**1 Rabi ul Awwal 1429**  
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## TESTIMONIAL

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To whom it may concern

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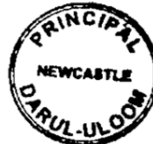
This is to confirm that Respected Hazrat Mufti Abdul Kader Hoosain رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was a Teacher/Lecturer for 20 years in Darul Uloom Newcastle. He Lectured on various subjects viz. Arabic grammar, Balaagah, Translation of the Holy Quraan, Tafseer of the Holy Quraan, Fiqh, Usoolul-Fiqh, Usoolul-Tafseer, Hadith and Usoolul-Hadith etc.

He was also a Mufti of Darul Uloom Newcastle for over ten years, during which period hundreds of Fatawa were issued to Istiftas on various matters relating to our noble Deen.

During this period he also delivered impressive talks on various topics of Deen throughout the Country whereby the Muslim Community derived authentic guidance on matters of Islamic Aqaaid and Laws of Islam.

May Allah give him health, wealth and a long life to carry on his noble Islamic activities. Ameen.

  
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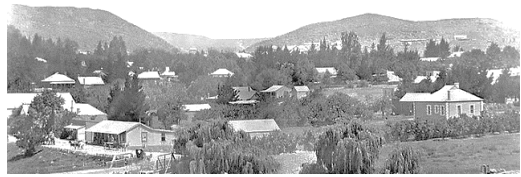


## MY STORY PART 1: BIRTH – 1980

### *Early years and Education*

**1957:** Alhamdulillah, Mufti Saheb was born on Saturday 21 Ramadhan 1376 ~ 20 April, in Heidelberg. In Ramadhan 1445 ~ 2024, he turned 69 years old, Islamically.

He lived with his family in an African township, known as a Location. Their shop was in front of the property, and the house behind it.



Old Heidelberg township

The Timol and Bhabha families were their neighbours. His family comprised his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Mufti Saheb recalls having had a wonderful upbringing there, and learnt to speak Zulu, English and Afrikaans fluently, Alhamdulillah with the help and mercy of ALLAH.

His schooling started at Heidelberg Primary in Heidelberg town. In madrassah, some of Mufti Saheb's teachers were: Moulana Rabbeeni Rahimahullah, Moulana Bux Rahimahullah and Qari Mahmood Jeebhai, who is still in Benoni. May ALLAHU TA'ALAA grant him *barakah*, Ameen.

**1968:** His honourable Ustaadh, Hafidh Ebrahim Limalia حفظه الله came to Heidelberg. This brought tremendous happiness to his parents because Hafidh Saheb was a great teacher and reciter of the Noble Qur'an.

Mufti Saheb's parents requested Hafidh Limalia to teach him Hifh so Alhamdulillah, he started learning in 1968 and completed in **1970**. At that time, he also left school.

When he returned سبحان الله, he received a double promotion, skipping Standard 5 [Grade 7] and enrolling in Standard 6 [Grade 8]. His schooling continued at William Hills Secondary in Actonville, Benoni ماشاء الله.

Hazrat Moulana Zubair Ali Ra of Leslie was the illustrious personality who had a major influence on the lives of Mufti Saheb and his family. Mufti Saheb's parents would take him to visit Hazrat once or twice a month and Hazrat would make special dua for him. Mufti Saheb's family would address Hazrat as Mamajee – an indication of their close relationship.

**1974:** 12 March, Mufti Saheb left for Karachi, Pakistan because so many of his colleagues were going, and he did not want to be left behind. However, his parents were extremely reluctant to let him go.

On the lighter side, en route to Karachi, the aeroplane nearly crashed in Malawi! ALLAHU TA'ALAA saved and protected them – Mufti Saheb and Brother Iqbal Dockrat of Pretoria.



In Karachi, Mufti Saheb studied at Allama Yusuf Binnoori Rahimahullah's Newtown Madrassah, with more than a hundred other foreigners.

In the same year, he was fortunate enough to perform Umrah and visit Medina Munawwarah with Hazrat Binnoori Rahimahullah. His parents also visited Makkah Mukarramah and Medina Munawwarah at this time, so Alhamdulillah it was a truly memorable experience for him.

**1975:** Mufti Saheb had the great opportunity of performing Hajj with Hazrat Binnoori Rahimahullah.

His famous teachers at Binnoori Town were Mufti Ridha-ul-Haq Saheb حفظه الله and Mufti Abdus-Salaam Saheb.

After 3 years at the Madrassah, he went to Darul Uloom.



Mufti Saheb spent 2 years at the Darul Uloom Karachi, where he was taught by Hazrat Mufti Abdur-Raouf Saheb, Moulana Aziz-ur-Rahmaan Saheb and others. May Almighty ALLAH reward all of them, Ameen.

**1979-1980:** His studies continued at Jamia Farooqia, where he was the first South African to learn Hadeeth, under Hazrat Moulana Saleemullah Khan Saheb Ra. He studied Mishkaat Shareef, Bukhari Shareef, Tirmidhi Shareef and Tahawi Shareef. While compiling this biography, Mufti Saheb received the sad news of Hazrat Saleemullah Khan Saheb Ra's death. Hazrat passed away between Asr and Maghrib on Sunday, 16 Rabi-ul-Akhir 1438 ~ 15 January 2017.

One of Mufti Saheb's honourable teachers at Jamia Farooqia was Hazrat Moulana Aziz Ahmed Bihari Ra, who was 95 years old. Mufti Saheb and his colleagues were Moulana Bihari Ra's last students. Remarkably, Moulana Bihari Saheb Ra had taught Moulana Cassim Sema in Dabhel in 1937, and he was still teaching in 1979-1980! Another teacher was Mufti Nizamuddin Saheb Ra.

In **1979**, Mufti Abdool Kader Saheb returned home, married Appa Fathima and, together, they spent a year in Pakistan. Conditions there were not easy. Mufti Saheb recalled how some guests had to take turns in drinking tea as he and Appa had only two cups and saucers. However, Mufti Saheb never regretted his decision. The couple performed Hajj the following year.

Before Mufti Saheb returned to South Africa, Hazrat Moulana Aziz Ahmed Bihari Saheb Ra wrote a letter of introduction to Moulana Cassim Sema on his behalf. (Mufti Saheb had not known Moulana Cassim then.) This effectively launched Mufti Saheb's career at Darul Uloom Newcastle.



## *PART 2: 1981 – 2001*

### *Darul Uloom Newcastle*

**1980:** In December, when Darul Uloom Newcastle was in recess, Mufti Abdool Kader Saheb met Moulana Cassim Sema Ra for the first time. Although there were no vacancies at the Darul Uloom at that time, Moulana Cassim agreed to convene a meeting regarding Mufti Saheb's appointment. This was in deference to his Ustaadh, Hazrat Moulana Aziz Ahmed Bihari Ra, whose letter Mufti Saheb had submitted.

**1981:** Mufti Saheb began teaching at Newcastle on 19 January. During this year, he taught the Fifth class. Daily, between Asr and Maghrib, Mufti Saheb conducted classes on the famous Hanafi work, Quduri.

**1982:** Mufti Saheb continued to teach second and third year students.

**1983:** *An historic decision was taken:* For the first time in the history of South Africa, local Ulama would be graduating as scholars of Bukhari Shareef, Muslim Shareef, Tirmidhi Shareef, Abu Dawood and other famous Ahadeeth kitaabs.

The teachers of the final year students were: Moulana Cassim Sema Ra, Moulana Mansur-ul-Haq Saheb, Moulana Mumtaz-ul-Haq Saheb, Moulana Yunus Osman (Mufti Saheb's colleague, with whom he had studied in Karachi), and Mufti Saheb himself. Mufti Saheb taught Bukhari Shareef for approximately 6 years.



Alhamdulillah, seven Ulama graduated on this unique, historic and momentous occasion, with the help and mercy of Almighty ALLAH ﷻ. Sadly, four of them have since passed away.

**1988:** Mufti Saheb enrolled for an MA degree at Rand Afrikaans University (now known as the University of Johannesburg, following a merger with other tertiary institutions in 2005) where he completed a thesis titled: Imam Tirmidhi's Contribution to Hadith. He studied at UNISA as well. There he received a Merit Award for obtaining excellent results in the Arabic language.

During the afternoons, Mufti Saheb and Appa Fathima taught at the Surtee family's Madrassah just outside Newcastle. At the end of the year when issuing reports, Mufti Saheb would joke with students, saying that the Madrassah is Surtee's but the teachers (i.e. Mufti Saheb and Appa Fathima) are Memon.

**1990:** He graduated with an MA degree *cum laude* (with distinction) from RAU.

**2001:** January marked 20 years of Mufti Saheb's service to the Darul Uloom. It was also the year that he resigned – a step that so upset Moulana Cassim Ra, that he threatened to tear up the letter of resignation.

Subsequently, Mufti Saheb joined Channel Islam International, a fledgling satellite radio station catering largely for the Muslim community.

Mufti Saheb had held 5 portfolios at Darul Uloom Newcastle:

Vice-Principal and Mufti for 10 years;

Bukhari Shareef teacher for approximately 6 years, along with Moulana Cassim Sema Ra;

Editor of the Darul Uloom journal;

Head of student affairs.

He regarded his tenure at Darul Uloom Newcastle as a wonderful, excellent period during which he and his colleagues came to regard Moulana Cassim Sema Ra as a fatherly figure. Whenever Mufti Saheb travelled to Newcastle, he would always visit Moulana Cassim at his home, as he never forgot Moulana's *ihsaan* to him. (May ALLAHU TA'ALAA grant Moulana Jannatul Firdous, Ameen.)

Mufti Saheb acknowledged the tremendous support and dedication of Appa Fathima over the years, saying that ALLAHU TA'ALAA alone would reward her for that.

While teaching at the Darul Uloom, Mufti Saheb's love of travelling for the sake of Deen took him and Appa to several countries. (See Part 4)



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### **DARUL ULOOM NEWCASTLE 1973 – 1983**

*The first Darul Uloom, or Institute for Higher Islamic studies, in South Africa was the Darul Uloom in Newcastle established on May 13, 1973 on the site of the St. Dominic Academy Church. The founder was Moulana Cassim Sema Rahimahullah.*

*It was the first institute of its type in the world, offering Islamic religious studies in the English language. Full-time Hifh classes, as well as an Alim course of 6 years in Arabic, Hadith, Tafseer, etc. were, and still are, offered. In 1976, Moulana Mansur-ul-Haq Saheb, and in 1979, Moulana Mumtaz-ul-Haq Saheb, both from Pakistan, were appointed as members of staff. Subsequently, South African teachers joined the staff. The first Ulama graduated in 1983.*

## ***PART 3: 2000 – 2024***

### ***Global Propagation of Islam***

**2000:** Mufti Saheb visited America twice:

Once, alone with Brother Yusuf Dockrat. Sadly, he passed away in an accident in 2002. May Almighty grant him Jannat-ul-Firdous, Ameen.

The next time Appa Fathima accompanied him, when Mufti Saheb was invited for Ramadhan *Taraweeh* to Hagerstown, Maryland, Alhamdulillah. During this trip they visited the White House in Washington, the United Nations headquarters in New York, Camp David near Thurmont, Maryland, and several other places, Alhamdulillah.

The weather was extremely cold so, although people begged him to stay, Mufti Saheb declined.

**2000: November ~ Ramadhan 1421**

Brother Ashraf Ali Seedat, Brother Hamza Farooqi and Appa Fathima's nephew, Brother Ziyaad Muhammad, founded Channel Islam International (Cii), a satellite radio station broadcasting Islamic programmes. Brother Ziyaad approached Mufti Saheb regarding a post at Cii, which he accepted after some deliberation.

**2001: January 15:** Mufti Saheb left Darul Uloom Newcastle.

**January 16:** He started officially at Cii.



Mufti Saheb recalled how Brother Ashraf Ali Seedat visited his residence and observed that it was somewhat dilapidated and in need of attention. Brother Ashraf confirmed Mufti Saheb's date of appointment as the following Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**22 January 2001 ~ 27 Shawwal 1421:** Mufti Saheb broadcasted his first programme:

Tafseer of the Noble Qur'an

He confessed that he did not know anything about radio – then or now!

Mufti Saheb explained how he had offered two *raka'aats* Salaah, made du'a and started with:

أَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

*A'uthu billahi minash-shaytaanir-rajeem* – I seek refuge with ALLAH from the accursed, rejected satan

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

*Bismillahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem* – In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He then proceeded with the first Tafseer of the Noble Qur'an. At that time, the Tafseer programmes were broadcasted thrice a week and not daily, as they are done now.

**18 September 2009 ~ 28 Ramadhan 1430:** The broadcast of the first Tafseer was completed.

**21 September 2009 ~ 2 Shawwal 1430:** The second Tafseer started.

**2010:** Darul Uloom Newcastle requested Mufti Saheb to officiate as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) on



several occasions, including that of Sheikh Saleh Aale Talib's visit to the institution for the annual *jalsa*. The honourable Sheikh was the Imam of Haram Shareef in Makkah Mukarramah until 2018. In August of that year, Sheikh Saleh was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for publicly condemning concerts and cinemas in the Kingdom, in a khutbah.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Sabuni of Makkah Mukarramah, originally from Aleppo, Syria, was also invited. In 2017, Mufti Saheb suggested that the Darul Uloom invites Allama Khalid Mahmud of Manchester, UK.

Until today Mufti Saheb continues to maintain strong ties with Darul Uloom Newcastle.

**2011: Saturday 2 July ~ 1 Shabaan 1432:** *An unforgettable date marking a momentous occasion.*

Hafidh Faizal Qasim contacted Mufti Saheb, urging him to travel to Saudi Arabia immediately. He indicated that Mufti Saheb would be obtaining permission to enter the Ka'bah Musharrafah.

On Friday night in Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Sa'ad issued a card granting this permission to Mufti Saheb and instructed him to present it with his passport the next day. This was so overwhelming that Mufti Saheb cried and was unable to sleep the entire night.

Mufti Saheb entered the Baitullah and completed the last 10 Surahs – from Surah Feel to Surah Naas – beseeching Almighty ALLAH to accept it. He was completely humbled by the experience, believing himself to be unworthy of such a great blessing, which he attributed entirely to Almighty ALLAH's *Fadhl* and Mercy.

**25 July 2014 ~ 27 Ramadhan 1435:** At Cii, Mufti Saheb completed the second Tafseer.

**4 August 2014 ~ 8 Shawwal 1435:** He commenced the third Tafseer.

Fifteen juz had been completed by 2017, Alhamdulillah. Mufti Saheb then proceeded with the sixteenth. May Almighty ALLAH accept it, Ameen.

Mufti Saheb described his experience at Cii as very exciting as it involved teaching different fields of Islamic knowledge: Tafseer, Hadeeth, and Fiqh according to the Four Schools. Q&A had become the most popular programme, continuing for 15 – 16 years, Alhamdulillah.

Besides broadcasting set programmes, Cii also conducted outreach projects, which afforded Mufti Saheb the opportunity to interact with local communities from diverse backgrounds: indigenous and immigrant. These projects were hosted frequently in small outlying towns (*dorpi*s).

**2017:** Mufti Saheb turned 60 in this year, while continuing to serve the Deen, Alhamdulillah.

**31 January 2018 ~ 13 Jumaadul Ula 1439:** To the dismay of listeners, Mufti Saheb resigned after dedicating 17 years to Cii and its audience. However, he continued interacting with communities through lecture programmes.

**19 March 2018 ~ 1 Rajab 1439:** Mufti Saheb resumed broadcasting Tafseer and Q&A on Radio Alansaar.



**12 April 2018 ~ 26 Rajab 1439 (Thursday night):** Another milestone in Mufti Saheb's broadcasting career was achieved, with the help and mercy of Allah Jalla wa Ala.

## THE LAUNCH OF MARKAZ SAHABA, THE VOICE OF AHLUS SUNNAH WAL JAMA'AH

ORIGINAL LOGO



NEW LOGO



Website: [www.markazsahaba.com](http://www.markazsahaba.com)

Live streaming: [www.ndstream.net/markazsahaba](http://www.ndstream.net/markazsahaba)

Markaz Sahaba was launched, officially, on Thursday night 26 Rajab 1439 ~ 12 April 2018 with the primary aim of teaching, clarifying and upholding the beliefs of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah. This includes protecting the honour of the illustrious Sahaba RA.

Many avid listeners listened eagerly to the live broadcast which featured du'as and inaugural speeches. Mufti Saheb rendered du'as from Trichardt, near to Bethal, Mpumalanga (formerly, Northern Transvaal).

Alhamdulillah, everything went well with ALLAHU TA'ALAA's Help.

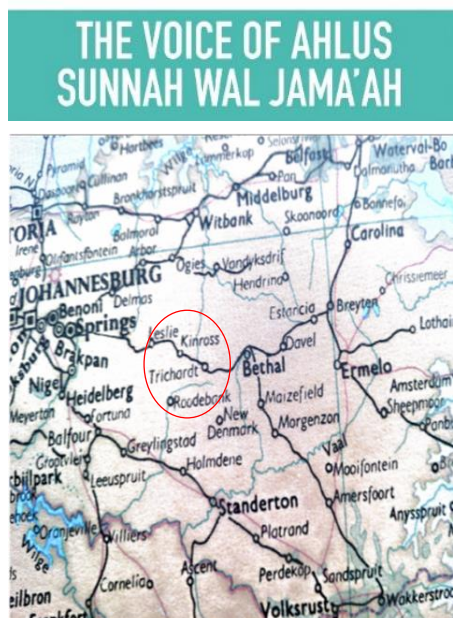
Mufti Saheb expressed his indebtedness and sincere gratitude to the Capital Group, especially the director, Muhammad Ikhlas Latib, who was instrumental in establishing the radio station.

The following day, Mufti Saheb went to Carolina for Jum'ah and remained there that night which was Laylatul Mi'raaj.

Since its launch, the station has broadcasted on several platforms, with some programmes being aired simultaneously on Radio Alansaar and Sirius FM. This has led to increased exposure of Islam to non-Muslims, locally and internationally, hundreds of whom have since accepted Islam, with the Grace and Fadhl of ALLAHU TA'ALAA, Alhamdulillah.

A special feature of Markaz Sahaba's early morning *As-Safinatu-ilal-Jannat* programme has become the opening of the platform to questions from non-Muslims in order to counter mainstream propaganda.

As of 26 Rajab 1445 ~ 7 February 2024, the station was 6 years old, Alhamdulillah.





## *PART 4*

### *Interests and Islamic Services*

#### **INTERESTS:**

#### **TRAVELLING**

Mufti Saheb's hobbies are reading and travelling. His great desire is to travel throughout the world to propagate Islam.

From the time of his tenure at Darul Uloom Newcastle until 1445 AH ~ 2024 CE, he visited the following 71 countries:

Algeria	Hong Kong	New Zealand	Sweden
America	India	Norway	Switzerland
Argentina	Indonesia	Oman	Syria
Australia	Iran	Pakistan	Tanzania
Barbados	Iraq	Palestine	Thailand
Bolivia	Ireland	Panama	Trinidad
Botswana	Italy	Paraguay	Tunisia
Brazil	Japan	Peru	Turkey
Canada	Jordan	Portugal	United Arab Emirates
Chile	Kenya	Reunion	Uruguay
China	Lebanon	Russia	Uzbekistan
Denmark	Lesotho	Saudi Arabia	Venezuela
Egypt	Malawi	Scotland	Vietnam
England	Malaysia	Singapore	Wales
Fiji	Maldives	South Korea	Yemen
Germany	Mauritius	Spain	Zambia
Grenada	Morocco	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe
Guyana	Mozambique	Swaziland	

He has embarked on several trips for Umrah and Hajj as well, often serving as spiritual guide to fellow travellers. Mufti Saheb also visited Masjid-ul-Aqsa five times, Alhamdulillah. Since 2020, however, when Covid regulations restricted travel, Mufti Saheb focused on local destinations.

The following du'a features regularly in his broadcasts and lectures:

*May Almighty ALLAH protect the Haramain Shareefain and Masjid-ul-Aqsa and take us to all parts of the world, Ameen.*

#### **WRITING**

He has issued thousands of *fatawas* in the past 33 years, Alhamdulillah.

Since 2005, Mufti Saheb has dealt with readers' queries through his Q & A column in the monthly magazine, The Muslim Woman.

He is the author of Imam Tirmidhi's Contribution towards Hadith, Imam Nasai's Contribution towards Hadith and the following:

Ramadhaan Q&A	(July 2008)	AL-ISLAAH PUBLICATIONS, KROONSTAD
Haj & Umra Q&A	(March 2009)	P O BOX 1106, KROONSTAD, 9500
Contemporary Q&A Volume 1	(May 2008)	Tel. No: 056-2124604
Contemporary Q&A Volume 2	(April 2012)	Cell: 083 477 3786
Duas - Weapon of a Believer	(June 2010)	E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@everymuslim.net">info@everymuslim.net</a>
Milestones	(June 2011)	Website: <a href="http://www.everymuslim.net">www.everymuslim.net</a>

### ISLAMIC SERVICES:

Mufti Saheb teaches as a visiting lecturer at Darus Salaam, Pretoria (Tshwane), where the Principal is Moulana Muhammad Dockrat. May Allah Ta'ala accept his efforts, Ameen.

Whenever the opportunity arises, Mufti Saheb participates in visits to local prisons, homes for the aged and madaaris for new Muslims.

He also conducted radio programmes for various stations, *pro bono* (except for Cii) until 2017:



Channel Islam International, Johannesburg, for 17 years (until 31 January 2018)  
<https://ciiradio.com/>



Voice of the Cape, Cape Town, for the previous 13 years  
<https://www.vocfm.co.za/>



Radio Al-Ansaar, Durban, for approximately 7 years. This collaboration continues today, 2024.  
<http://www.alansaar.co.za/>



Sirius FM in Springs, Gauteng, for the previous 2 years. joint programmes with MSOR continue today.  
<http://www.siriusradio.co.za/>



Radio Tarana in New Zealand, for 5 years, approximately. (Weekly programme)  
[www.tarana.co.nz](http://www.tarana.co.nz)

Being multilingual, Mufti Saheb is able to field queries in English, Afrikaans, Arabic, Urdu, Zulu, Memon and Gujarati. People are encouraged to contact Mufti Saheb directly with questions or issues of concern. His contact details are:

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Send a message on WhatsApp to be added to Mufti Saheb's group: (+27) 718 881 184

Daily advice is provided through Mufti Saheb's Twitter (X) account: @akhoosen

Mufti Saheb's website: <https://muftiakhoosen.net>

For news, podcasts and other MSOR material: <https://markazsahaba.com/>

Pertinent issues and guidance are provided on: <https://darulemaan.co.za/>

## *SUMMARY and CONCLUSION*

Mufti Saheb spent the first 17 years in Heidelberg, next 7 years in Karachi, Pakistan, and 20 years at Darul Uloom Newcastle. He joined Channel Islam International after leaving the Darul Uloom.

After dedicating 17 years of tireless effort, knowledge and naseehah to Cii and its listeners, Mufti Saheb resigned on Wednesday 13 Jumaadul Ula 1439 ~ 31 January 2018, leaving his listenership shocked and saddened by his sudden departure from the airwaves. However, Muftisaheb was soon back on air on Radio Alansaar and, currently, broadcasts on MSOR - Markaz Sahaba Online Radio, a station initiated by the Capital Group.

Mufti Saheb's tireless efforts have inspired many to effect personal changes and to make a difference in their respective communities too, Alhamdulillah. Many non-Muslims have also been motivated to compare their religious beliefs to Islam and several accepted Islam on air, Alhamdulillah. As a world-renowned Scholar, Mufti Saheb's advice and opinions on a variety of issues are always sought by others – Scholars and laymen alike.

Mufti Saheb expressed special thanks and appreciation to his parents, siblings, wife, Asaatidha and all those who have been good to him.

He placed on record his heartfelt gratitude to Moulana Ahmed Dockrat of Pretoria for rendering tremendous *khidmat* to the Ummah. Moulana Ahmed initiated the Daily Naseehah and advice. Mufti Saheb is also greatly indebted to Muhammad Ikhlas Latib, the director of the Capital Group.

May ALLAHU TA'ALAA reward Moulana and his family in both worlds, and grant Muhammad Ikhlas Latib more capital to serve the Deen, Aameen.

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We make du'a that ALLAHU TA'ALAA grants Mufti Saheb long life in the service of HIS Deen and enable us to benefit from his knowledge, Ameen.

May ALLAHU TA'ALAA reward all our Ulama-i-Haqq for their sterling contributions to our spiritual advancement, Ameen.

وَأَخِرُ دَعْوَاهُمْ أَنْ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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*May ALLAHU TA'ALAA reward all those who have shared their resources freely, Ameen.*